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21st Ohio

**21st Ohio Members Buried
at Nashville National Cemetary**

Name	Company	Sec	Plot
N. Ames	E	I	9189
Isaac Baker	G	B	6411
C.W. Barlow	G	A	3841
George Burdett	H	J	13925
Edmond A. Butler	G	B	6248
S. Canfield	F	J	13986
Dyer B. Combs	H	J	13543
Philip P. Comdit	C	J	13583
Thorton Coon	D	E	735
F.T. Cramer	G	C	7031
Peter Fisher	K	A	4373
Charles Gilbert	E	H	10024
Elisha Harris	K	A	5078
Richard E. Harritt	A Sgt.	N	10343
Jno W. Hassen	D	B	6849
Harvey W. Hatch	G	J	13898
George W. Holt	C	B	6187
Jacob McCombs	H	A	4264
Joseph McLorgin	C	H	9749
Thomas Mesly	K	A	3890
John Mullin	B	A	4214
James W. Nelson	E	E	1267
Samuel Presler	F	B	6030
Jacob Rentz	B	E	1462
Cornelius Salt	F	J	13846
M. Shaffstall	C	H	9683
Henry Sholes	H	J	14166
Andrew J. Teems	A	A	4552
George Zimmerman	K	B	5799



U N I O N .

Camps. Andrew, Jackson.
Pachville. June 15th 1862

Dear, parents.

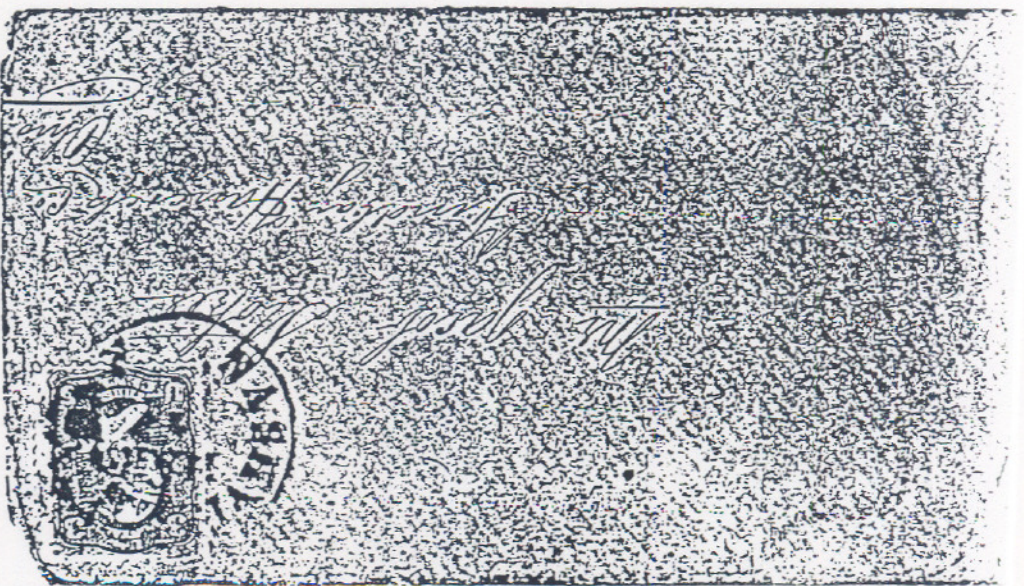
Once I take the
brandings again" to drop you a few
lines" to inform you of the present
condition of our health. It is good
as usual at this time I must
tell you once more" that our health
has never been better than since
we left home! Our regiment has
been reduced some since our last
March (as it was rather a hard one)
but it is now recruiting fast again.
But little sickness in the Reg. Now
Last Wednesday we went on picket
with the largest Regiment that has
been taken out yet, gone two days but
found nothing! Our lines was the
advance" some eight miles from
Camps. As we was returning

the distance of about two miles there
were halted by a man coming from
ambush with one of our men that
he had taken prisoner by his side.
The teams were all halted; those men
concealed in straw sprang out imme-
diately & surrounded them as prisoners
finding it to be Capt. Morgan they
was requested to bring a general.
Capt. Morgan was sent after one thing
General Mitchell him self; on the
reception of Gen. Mitchell by Morgan
he presented a flag of truce with
this excuse that he was bringing back
one of our men that was taken prisoner
by them; he was to show to ask our
men to surrender for fear of being
caught. By demanding a surrender they
would have had him fast. But all they
could do was to send him through our
lines & let him go. But we will get him
before long. I read your letter dated Feb-
10th glad to hear you was all well.
I must close for the present hoping
this will be received in good health
I will write you more the next
time! Farewell! Yours forever.
D. P. S. & S. D. A. S.
write again

back to camp we met General Mitchell with about 4,000 men going out on a scouting expedition; taking with four pieces of Artillery & about forty waggon. The idea of so many waggons was rather a strange thing to us seeing every one with bag & straw in. But this was a plan to catch Capt Morgan one of the rebel officers that has been scouting through the country with about forty or fifty men capturing every thing he can get hands on. Now & then taking some of our men prisoners! A few days ago he ventured to our lines by taking the clothes off our men & putting them on his! The Capt Morgan dropped in citizens clothes. Some of our teams ventured a little to go & fell in his hands. by him approaching them dropped in his citizen suit & walking between two of his own men dropped in our mens clothings.

The Rebels made no pretensions to escape thinking our boys were bringing in a prisoner came up to them friends a pistol & ordered them to surrender then cutting the horses from waggons & placing our men on them made for the woods but this was soon known the Cavalry sent after them! During the night our ^{men} came on them getting back all our men but two & taking five rebels prisoner also getting all our horses & taking a number of men. But Morgan escapes! for he is sharper. Now for General Mitchell to get him? As I stated before of the number of men & teams that was taken out went the distance of about 12 miles then sending the waggons in front placing some five or six men in every wagon covered with straw. The infantry was kept back for reinforcement if needed, after our teams had gone.

Edw. After finishing my letter
I read the 22^d of "Blowing up" who stops
in our tent but I'm. I don't know
of the 17th Ohio Reg. He is well &
has been ever since the enlistment
He also ~~is~~ regretted the 22^d
and you his best respects.
There is good health. He is
within eight miles of us in
Camp on the Memphis side
D. D.



**21st Ohio Members Buried
at Stones River National Cemetery**

Name	Company	Section	Plot
D. D. Alpaugh	H	F	2452
H. Bordner	D	E	2084
L. Brissie (Brisin)	H	E	1896
R. Crawford	H	G	2875
Freeman Ferry	E	C	1164
Charles Furgerson	B	O	6113
Elisha Fain (Fair)	K	O	6037
C. Martin	B	E	1891
Francis Mosley	K	M	4869
Fergus McClellan	H	M	5188
F. Saltsbaugh	G	K	4574
George Smith	F	G	2694
E.S. Shoemaker	F	E	2031
John Shelby	F	E	1806
Chas T. Sweet	I	O	6091
William Taylor	H	E	2137
Michael Wiseginger	G	M	5196
S. Dealke	F	B	927
George V. Smith	H	K	4404
Solomon Hoy	E	E	1833
James H. Mays	F	F	2438
David Miller	G	G	2662
Joseph Orwig	B	H	2974
Andrew Shiley	D	D	1738
John J. Slater	F	G	2716

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 21ST OHIO

THREE MONTH REGIMENT

April 17 1861--- Findlay Ohio was the county seat, and on this day a committee was formed to hear resolutions as to the formation of a regiment of volunteers. With great patriotic enthusiasm the resolution was passed and the recruitment of the 21st Ohio began on April 23 1861. Three companies A,F and G completed their recruitment on the 23rd of April and were presented the flags by the ladies of Findlay.

April 27 1861---James M. Neibling was elected Col. Of the regiment

May 24 1861---The regiment moved to Gallipolis and then moved into Western Virginia participated in the Battle of Scarey Creek.

August 12 1861---The the month regiment was mustered out.

THREE YEAR REGIMENT

September 19 1861---The regiment mustered in. Almost to a man the men of the 21st reenlisted. No medical exams were done and only one man was almost rejected because of his teeth, but upon showing his ability to tear a cartridge he was mustered in.

COUNTIES WHERE THE REGIMENT WERE RECRUITED FROM
HANCOCK---PUTMAN---WOOD---DEFIANCE---
OTTAWA

SOME TOWNS OF THESE COUNTIES
HANCOCK---FINDLAY AND CAREY
WOOD---PEMBERVILLE AND BOWLING GREEN
DEFIANCE---DEFIANCE AND INDEPENDANCE

NORTHWEST OHIO IN 1860---Good farming land with small towns dotting the area. Wood county had a large swamp with large leafy trees which rarely let the sun through to the ground thus this swamp was called the Black Swamp. In 1850 a road was built through the swamp which brought many families and men to work on. After being completed many stayed and settled in this area. Because of bad planing the road only lasted about one year.

OCCUPATIONS---Farming was the main occupation, small forty acre farms dotted the area as towns sprung up to support them. So there were farmers, clerks, blacksmiths, tailors, masons, carpenters, lawyers, doctors.

FARMS---They were largely self-supporting farms. They grew their own crops[corn, wheat, rice] They raised chickens, beef and hogs, mainly for their own use as food. They did not depend much on the help of outsiders. They did not travel far from their homes.

REASONS FOR ENLISTMENTS---The cause for which Northwest Ohio was going to go to war was "No traitors were going to overthrow the government and that the country would be held together." Very little was said about slavery or slaves. But when it was brought up there was a division between the population of the area. Saving the country and patriotism were their cause.

EQUIPMENT---Most recruits and new recruits were equipped out of Cincinnati Ohio. They received new equipment about every 3 to 4 months. Each new recruit would get a forage cap, 2 pairs of pants, 2 shirts, 3 pairs of socks, and sack coat costing about eight dollars and fifty cents.

September 19 1861---Muskets were mix Enfields and Springfields

May 25 1863---Colt revolving rifles were distributed to all companies except Co. A and Co. B they received Enfields [a detachment was sent to Nashville for horses but they returned with none.

March 18 1864---Enfields were issued to all companies of the 21st Ohio.

ENGAGEMENTS----The 21st took part in 31 battles during their enlistment. STONES RIVER---1st day they were pushed back three quarters of a mile to the Nashville Pike and reformed behind The Chicago Board Of Trade Battery. On the 3rd day they helped push back Breckinridge's charge, crossing Stones River and pushing the enemy back almost a mile. Capturing a enemy battery and the flag of the 26th Tenn. CHICKAMAGUA---They took 517 men into battle on September 19-20 1863, held Horseshoe Ridge for eight hours and help to save the Federal Army. Many men of the 21st were captured along with the 89th Ohio and the 22nd Mich. The 21st had 120 men captured, 165 killed or wounded. On Sept. 22 at Chattanooga Tenn. Only 128 men answered the roll call. ATLANTA CAMPAIGN--- Fought at Resaca, Picketts Mill, Kennasaw, Vining Station, Atlanta, Jonesboro. They started the campaign with 477 men. After the fight at Vinings Station the regiment totaled 300 officers and men. MARCH TO THE SEA--- Fought at Savannah, Bentonville Marched in the grand review on May 26 1865 and was mustered out in Columbus Ohio on July 25 1865.

3 MONTH REGIMENT MAX NUMBER	925
3 YEAR REGIMENT MAX NUMBER	877
VETERAN VOL. REGIMENT MAX NUMBER	477

CAPTURED DURING WAR	135
DIED IN CAPTIVATY	78
TOTAL CASULTIES	773

TOTAL NUMBER MEN SERVED IN 21ST REGIMENT IN 4 YEARS OF SERVICE WAS 2085.

Reunions were held from 1882 until 1930 on or around Sept. 19

COL. A. McMAHAN GENERAL ORDER NO. 16
COLUMBUS OHIO JULY 25 1865

"The bones of our comrades are upon the fields of more than 31 well contested battles, we well remember them kindly and extend to their families and friends the hand of a brother and true friend."

These were proud and brave men, they did themselves and their country proud by their service for their country. Please let us carry ourselves with the same pride that they did.

I have a tape of the history of Wood County Ohio. It gives a great amount of information for first person impressions. Also on the tape is the Walt Disneys "GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE" if you would like a copy send five dollars to

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We Are Parted

Alas, we are parted
Our farewells are over
We will mingle together
In pleasure no more

Our paths are divided
Our homes are apart
Those meetings are over
That gladin the heart

And still we'll remember
How can we forget
Those seasons of pleasure
That cling to us yet

The haunts that we visit
Each balm breathing flower
Will bring the remembrance
Of each happy hour

And though we will mingle
Together no more
How sweet to remember
The meetings of one

Composed by George Smith, 21st Ohio
Killed at Stones River

SEC 6 GRAVE 2964

Raise the sad anthem; a soldier has fallen;
Bid the deep organ the swelling notes sound;
The form of hero lies here in the coffin,
And the friend of his youth are weeping around.

At the call of his country, a patriot martyr
Left the comforts of home for the red field of war
'Neath the flag of that country its foes to encounter
And battle and die for its stripes and its stars.

Mid the thunder of battle its flash and its gleaming
The soldier of liberty rushed to the strife road
But the angel of death spread his wings o'er the scene,
And sealed his devotion with his blood and his life.

God our nation the cup thou hast given
We press to our lips in sorrow and gloom
Yet we know that the soul of our hero has hastened
To mansions of light from the depth of the tomb.

We then will not murmur, though the gloom of the grave
Keeps the clay of our hero but bow to the rod
His dust but returneth to the earth that it gave
And his spirit has flown to the presence of God.

Then raise the glad anthem, his spirits immortal
Bid the deep organ its swelling note sound
The soul of our hero has gained the bless portal
And angels of freedom his spirit has crowned.

night before last and was
brought to this hospital where I
receive the best kind of treatment
and I am progressing finely.
When I wrote to you that before
I told you that I thought I
would be able to go round in
a short time I can walk already
with ease. I believe I could
walk off five miles if occasion
demanded it. but this morning
the doctor told me that it would
be full nine months before I
could have the entire use of my
arm, it looks like a long time
to me, but I will bear it if I
die trying as the saying is
perhaps I may obtain a
furlough and visit home, I
am sure in hopes that I can
I have a good nice bed
two persons and a splendid

Nashville Tenn Jan 7th /63

My dear Parents

Doubtless you are very anxious to know something concerning my welfare. I wrote to you on the 4th inst and informed you that I had received a slight wound in my left shoulder but I did not know as you will get it as I send it by one of our boys and he may have failed to take it to the office. I know what your anxiety must be and I would have written often but I was told that the mail communications ^{was} broken with the North, but now I believe the mail communications making regular trips. I came to Nashville

Center for Art

MSG23

5th Floor, 2nd & 3rd

1000

P. 1000

good food with kind attendance
and all that goes to
make up the paraphernalia
of a first class hospital.

I don't know how many
were killed and wounded of
my company, but I know of
three in my mess that are
wounded, namely Eli Cairns
James Reynolds and myself.

I have been told that Mack
Reynolds was killed but I

don't give it to you as
being certain, therefore you had
better not mention it to any
of his friends, they will know
the truth soon enough.

Squad Officer of Company (B)
was mortally wounded and
has since died. Capt. Hamilton
Lieut. Wood & Bumpus are all
right & healthy.

Now Mother I don't want you
to worry at all about me as
I am doing well and not
at all dangerous. You know I
am strong and healthy and
will weather almost any thing
but losing my head.

Direct University Hospital
No 2 (Two)
Ward (C) Nashville
Tenn

Father you need not send
me any money unless I
should write for it as I
have some sufficient to supply
my present want.

Your affectionate son
Robert